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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2001.

Remarks

Claims 1, 3 – 6, 8 – 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 23, and 24 are pending, with claims 1 and 9 being the independent claims. All claims stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and claim 23 is additionally rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. In response to Applicants' previous Reply, the Examiner conducted a new search to find additional art to add to the combination of references cited against Applicants' claims. As explained below, the new art cited by the Examiner is not analogous and contains no teaching, suggestion, or motivation that supports its combination with the other references. Furthermore, the Examiner's

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